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#### PREFACE

The following manuscript records of the "Tenmile Settlements" in Washington County, Pennsylvania, left to our use by the Reverend Thaddeus Dod, and of the first session of the Upper and Lower Tenmile congregations, are transcribed and released in this form through the kindness of Mr. John A. Dodd, 317 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

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Sessional Records of the Upper and Lower Tenmile Presbyterian Church, 1781-1783. Unfortunately the pages covering the period from the latter date to 1796 have been cut from the record book. ...... Page 14

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Note: Thaddeus Dod's "Latin and Mathematical School," opened in 1781, was the carliest antecedent of Washington and Jefferson College. When the school was continued as Washington Academy under the Charter of 1787, Dod became its first principal.

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# MARRIAGE AND BAPTISHAL RECORD Reverend Thaddeus Dod

# July 1782 Baptized

Stephen Saunders (adult) and all his Children

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Hannah Linkon adult

Thomas Axtell adult and his Children

#### 1783 Baptized

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Rebekah McFarland )

Children of Wm McFarland

James McFarland )

#### 2d Sabbath

Sarah Phillips (dau. of Sarah Phillips - Widow (supposed of (Lewis Phillips who was missing after the (engagement near Sandusky)

#### Baptized

Hannah Wife of William McFarland

### 1785

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Paul Brown )

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# Wednesday Apr. 30, 1783

The Session Met at Mr. Lindsly's Fort.

Present Thads Dod V.D.M.

Messrs. Demas Lindsly)
Jacob Cooke )
Jos. Coe ) Elders
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Mary McVaugh wi. old Mr. McV.

Sarah Kade Dr. of John

Eunice Baldwin dr. of John

Mary Carmichael

Hannah Lindsly w. of Joseph

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Sarah Cooke w. of Stephen

Thomas Axtell

Elihu Saunders

Ephraim Bates

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Susanna Hawk )

of John Rachel Rennock

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Elizabeth Snider)

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Silas Wilson

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Richard Wilson )

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Sarah Faugh dr. of John

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Alexander Blackburn

Thomas Warton Son of Robert

John Crushblau Son of William

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Son and Dau. of James

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John Stagg & Mary Brown

both of Hempshire County in Virginia

January 27 1778

Thomas Douthet & Eleanor Cooper

both of Hampshire

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Peter Lee and Rebekah Taylor March 3, 1778

Roger Donnagan & Ann Dolan
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John Martin & Susanna Sworden

March 9th John Rupeau & Jane Reave

lith William Jackson & Hargaret Bearfall

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John Pritchard & Rhoda Ward

Apr. 24th

John Galze & Elizabeth Heinsman

Mr. Samuel Kite & Sophia Champ

May 30 Edward McCarthy & Elizabeth Miller

June 30 Francis Pierpoint and Mary Countriman

July 12 Charles McLane & Phebe Cary (Widow)

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George Hart and Anna Quirk
Nicholas Saver & .....

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John Knap & Drusilla Dawson

David Allen & Ivy Fox

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Samuel Thompson & Mary Keating

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Peter Atherton & Isabel Martin (widow)

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Abrm. Hathaway

Sarah Goble

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June Atkinson

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. Caleb Leonard

Mary Riggs (Widow)

Feb. 6th 1780

Caleb Dille

Married Rebecca Martin

Feb. 7 1780

Isaac McVeaugh

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# SESSIONAL RECORDS (1781-1783) OF THE UPPER AND LOWER TENHILE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Revd. Thaddeus Dod (then a licenciate of the Presbytery of New York) came to Westorn Pennsylvania and spent some two or three months principally on the waters of Tenmile in the southern part of Washington and parts of Green County (This was in the summer of 1776 or in 1777 probably the latter). He then resolved to make this the scene of his future labours; returned to his place of residence in Mendham N. Jersey and was ordained by the Presbytery of N. York on the 15th of October A.D. 1777 and on the next week set out with his family westward -- On his way however he received such information of the state of things in his indended (intended) location; (many of the inhabitants having fled on account of the depredations of the Indians) that he stopped at Patterson's Creck in Virginia. There appears from his memorandums to have been no organized congregations in that part of the country, and his time was occupied in preaching in private houses in that vicinity and in the neighbouring parts of Maryland untill the month of September 1779 when he came with his family to Tenmile.

There was no church organized till Aug. 15th, 1782 nearly two years after his arrival.

The first house of worship was built in 1784 or 1785 or the site now occupied by Lower Tenmile. In the upper part There was none untill the summer of 1792 when a house was erected on the site now occupied by Upper Tenmile, previous to which time meetings were held in private houses or barns or in the woods, the pastor dividing his time equally between the two.

August 15th 1781.

This day being appointed and public notice being given of the same, Met at Mr. Jacob Cookes, and after prayer to Almighty God, all persons who were regular members of any particular Church agreeable to the Presbyterian order and discipline, and who were desirous of Joining in Church Communion, were desired to give in their names, and vouchers for their regular Membership.

The following persons, some by written testimonials, others by the certain knowledge of a majority of the rest, appeared to be regular Members

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Joseph Coe & Abigail his Wife
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Abner Brown
Paul Brown

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After this we set several times when we should have the Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered, but could not compass our design, on account of the incursions of the Savages.

Wednesday April 30th 1783

The Session met at Mr. Lindly's Fort - Present

Thaddeus Dod (V.D.M.)
Demas Lindly )
Jacob Cooke ).... Elders
Joseph Coe )
Daniel Axtell)

Session Opened with Prayer - and the following persons appeared and were desirous to join with this Church in communion and after examination relative to their religious experiences &c they were admitted Viz

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Stephen Saunders
Moses Williams
John Lindly
Zenas Lindly
Benjamin McVaugh
Daniel Lindly
Joseph Lindly
Hannah Lindly w. of Jos.
Sarah McVaugh w. of Benjm
Nancy Lindly w. of Zenas
Martha Williams W. of Moses
Sarah Baldwin
Rebecca Royce W. of Benjm

Jacob Rude
Isaac McVaugh
Price Dille
Susanna Minton wife of Joseph
Mary McVaugh W. of Old M.M.V.
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Concluded with prayer

Lord's Day May 4th 1783

The Session again met in time of intermission and the following persons were received

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Ebenzer Goble

May 11th Met in time of intermission

Amos Leonard was received

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William McFarland

Daniel McFarland Senr.

Mary Axtell wife of Thomas

Sarah Philips on Certificate from Mr. Johnes N.J.

· Elkanah Holloway (known to be members in good standing in N.J.)

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Revd. T. Dod was called to rest from his labours. He had been long affected with pulmonary disease which was advancing to a fatal termination, but the weak laboured incessantly in preaching in the bounds of his charge thro the winter of 1792-3. Having been appointed by Pby at their fall meeting to supply at Cross Creek on the ..... Sabbath of April he the feeble fulfilled the appointment and remained a day or two to assist in some business relating to the Church in that place. It was his last sermon. In returning home on horseback he was overtaken by a violent storm of wind hail and rain; arrived at home, but was never able to go out again. He departed this life on the twentieth day May A.D. 1793.



## Appendix A

Transfer of Nembership from the Mendham (N.J.) Presbyterian Church to the Tenmile Congregation.

"This is to Certify that M. Jacob Hathaway & Lydia his Wife have been for a number of years past members of the Presbyterian Church in Mendham & have continued to this time members in good standing with us -- They being about to leave this part of the Country with is to commend them to the Christian communion & fellowship of the Lord's People wherever they may reside.

Mendham 8th October 1802 Amzi Armstrong (Modr. of Session)"

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## Appendix B

## The Reverend Jacob Lindley Letter

Lear Sir,

Connellsville, Feb. 12th, 1854

as introductory to a compliance with your request to give you some tic raphical sketches of enterance of your father into the western country, and of what he did; permit me first (as introductory) to give you a very brief history of the preparations of the Lord for your fathers advent. In the year A.D. 1773, my father and Jacob Cook, each about forty years of age, each a large family, each an elder in the Presbyterian Church, children of the revival under the influence of Whitfield and the Tenants (never to be quenched) covenanted to remain in these western wilds, and make a settlement and with the blessing of God, a church. A goodly number of families, professing religion came with them, and made their location on Ten Mile creek, so called because it empties into the Honongahely river ten miles above Redstone old fort, now Promsville. Lindley and Cook located lands on this creek six miles apart. As a refuge for Lindley and Cook, settlements, a strong fort and blockhouse was erected on Lindley's land. To this garison, for the space of eight or ten years, all the families of that section of country were brought for protection against the Indians during the summer season. While a sufficient number of men were left for defence in the fort, the balance of men competent to labour, went out armed in strong working parties to clear land and raise provisions for their families. Late in the fall the families returned to their several plantations; and in the spring moved again into the fort. This was the practice for eight or ten years. In the fall of 1777 Revd. Thadius Dod came to

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my factor's fort, having left his family in an older settlement behind I have a distinct recollection of my baptism by him in the fort. The solemnities of the occasion rivited this impression. It was cerwinly sanctified to my lasting benefit. From that day to the present I have never heard the names of the Father, the Son or the Holy Ghost named without feeling a sacred awe with reverence for the divine mages-The fact I remember. Nearly all the settlement, and Mr. Dod were from Moris County, New Jersey, and the meeting was that of old friends. As ir. Dod, like all the rest, was a missionary adventurer to the neighborhood of the Indians, the lands of social indearment soon became indisoluble. Young as I was my sympathies were inlisted. I listened, but did not talk. As all were in the fort together, no summons was necessary to call them. The question was sprung, how can we support ir. Dod and family as our preacher? There was no such thing as money in circulation to purchase a single foreign commodity, not even salt, iron, knife or fork, or a comb for the head. Flax was raised, and packed over the mountains on horses, at the peril of life, to purchase such like commodities. The first decision was unanimous, "We can, and will support one family, if they can consent to live as we do." As from the beginning there had been in the garison a good millright, namely Joseph Begle, a good grist mill had been erected on my father's land within rifle shot of the walls of the fort, which secured the workmen. And besides this, ry father's plantation was better cleared up than any other farm in the settlement, by those who could not get out of fort to work on their own lands. He said he would furnish Mr. Dod with all the grain and flower (flour) which his family might need. Mr. Cook said he would agree to

Cornich all the perk and beef. Others gave their pledges for other articles of living until the pledges had covered all the wants of a family they could think of. The women made their propositions and pledges to they could think of. I name these facts to shew (show) the manner of dong in, weave, &c, &c. I name these facts to shew (show) the manner of doing tusiness in early days in this country, before a boat had descended the Chio river, or a freighted wagon had crossed the Alengaheny (Allegheny) Nountains.

If. Dod went and came. I do not recollect his particular movements until the year 1779, for the fall of that year Mr. Dod had brought his family within the bounds of Cook's settlement ten miles east of Lindley's fort, and was preaching to these two settlements alternately.

In 1780, or 81, he removed into my father's settlement, three miles north of the fort. Wy intimate knowledge of the family commenced in 1781. In the year 1781 a log house was erected some forty steps from w. Ded's dwelling house, for an academy, as a classical school house alone. It was much larger than any dwelling house in the settlement. It was furnished with sometimes three, at other four beds for students, in attendance, to sleep in. I have no recollection by whom these beds were furnished, although I often slept in them. The erection of such a building at that early period will appear more necessary when stated, that in the summer of 1781, while pent up in the fort, and while as yet no church had been organized, protracted meetings for prayer, preaching, conversation, and exortation was kept up by Mr. Dod and their praying elders from N. Jersey. About fifty persons were comforted in believing.

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an education for the gospel mini my. Hence the necessity of the school house named above. During this revival my mind was much exercised on the value of my soul and obtained so thing, which I have never lost. From the want of wise instruction I did not suppose it to be an everlasting union to Jesus Christ. Yours afterward when I had united with the church, I then learned from my friends that they had considered me pious from that revival, quoting my conduct, & sayings at that time, of which I had no recollection. I state this for two reasons. 1st, to blame the administration of any church government, which does not take the utmost pains to instruct and incourage little children, by throwing around the mothers arms, (the church) and clashing them in the warm bosom of a mother's affections. I ought to have been incouraged and received into the communion of the church when seven years of age. When an instant first gives ..... of life, where can it be placed better than its 0 mother's bosom? The 2nd reason of the statement is to explain the conduct of my father in placing me, while so young, in the school of the prophets.

In the spring of 1782 I was sent to Mr. Dod's latin school to live in the family of Mr. Dod to do his little errands, do his milking, etc. and to study latin with the scholars then at his school. I know it was in 1782 because it was the same year of Col. Crawford's defeat by the Indian on the bloody plains of Sandusky. And allso the same year in which Richeson was executed upon the gallows, on the hill east of the town, Washington, as the students of Mr. Dod accompanied me to witness that awful scene. What makes the period still more memorable is that on the same day

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before we returned, about a half mile from our road, the Indians murdered such of the family of Timothy Bean, as were not at the execution of Richeson, with the exception of his son, John, who after being knocked down with the tomahawk crept away in the weeds while the Indians were catching the afrighted horses in the field. John's skull was broken but his recovery was sound. Great was the consternation of the settlement on that day. I think it was in the same year, but it might have been in 1783, while Mr. Dod was preaching in the house of my uncle Caleb Lindley, a messenger announced that the Indians had that morning murdered a family of the name of Heath, on the head waters of Wheeling. The congregation was instantly dismissed. Some dozen young men, among whom were Francis Dunlavy, and I think John Brice, started of Mr. Dod, upon the run to the fort, which was three quarters of a mile off for such to get their guns as had not brought them with them to church, and then pushed with all speed in pursuit of the Indians. They did not however overtake the Indians, but returned and buried the dead, five in number, and came back to the fort. Such were our sabbath annoyances, and perils, while we worshiped God and experienced his kind protection. The communion of the Lord's Supper was delayed time after time in consequence of these annoyances. Ten Mile Church was organized July 1781. The first communion of the Lord's Supper of that church was administered in the barn of Daniel Axtel 1783. Rev. McMillan assisted Mr. Dod. The impressions of that occasion will be lasting as eternity upon my mind. The deepest and most excrusiating thought of all was the possibility that I might be separated, at the judgment, forever from the happy company of them same holding communion with a loving saviour. I was then living with Mr. Dod, and his students were there.

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My memory is not so perfectly clear on the subject as to justify me in saying positively that all, and each one of the following named students were at Mr. Dod's school when I entered it in the spring 1782. Although I have no recollection of their dropping in one after another. The following students have generally been grouped together in my mind, namely James Hughs, John Brice, Robert Marshal, Francis Dunlavy, David Smith, Daniel Lindley, studying Latin, and Daniel McFarland, Joseph Eddy, studying mathematics particularly the art of surveying. In 1783 Benjamin Stokely, and I think Thos. McGowdey came to study surveying in this year Col. James Marshal, an elder in Mr. Smith's church at Buffalo brought his son Robert to Mr. Dod's school. Robert and I recited morning lessons together in the latin grammar, although I was much ahead of him in the language.

The mathematical students left when judged competent surveyors. My brother lost his health so as never to regain it, and died early in life. In 1783 Messrs. Hughs, Brice, Marshal, & Smith were reciting Greek Grammar and reading the Greek testament. Hughs & Marshal, I think, were reading also Lucians Dialogues. I ought to have said above that John Hannah came in 1783 (might have been in 1784) and commenced the study of latin. Hannah was a larger man, I think the oldest in the school, was unused to manual labour but not to study, of ardent piety, his feeling on the subject uncommonly tender, his tears flowed most readily. By the strong influence of Mr. Dod he was licensed to preach without much of a classical education; the ardour of his piety and his correctness in experimental theology over the ground on which Mr. Dod carried him through his presbyterial trials to his licensure to preach. His preaching was remarkably impressive and successful during the short space of his itinirary, which I think, was but a few month, and died. You wished to know what became of William

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Marshal, I expect he was licensed by the Redstone presbytery. I know nothing, however, of his preaching in this country -- he went directly to Kentucky -- became a popular and influential preacher, and was a distinguished member of the Synod of Kentucky. In 1802 when the difficulties took place in that Synod with McNeman, Thompson, John Dunlavy. Marshal's ardour & zeal caused him, for a season, to favour the Newlights, as they were called, but soon returned with John Thompson, while John Dunlavy & Macknamer joined the Shakers. In December 1802 during my first itinerary in the lower part of the state of Ohio, we were together at two protracted meetings. He was an effective preacher.

If you wish anything more on any deffinite point, let me know, and if in the treasure of my memory, you shal have it. I have great confidence in memory of old times, and love to think them over & over.

I am, dear brother, truly yours in love and interest.

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